

IN THE CLAIMS:

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4. (New) An expandable structure comprising a pair of box-type frames, one located within the other, wherein each frame has four rails that are parallel to each other with the rails of the inner frame being located parallel to the rails of the outer frame and in direct vertical alignment therewith; wherein the outer frame has a leg located at each corner thereof and the inner frame has a pair of legs at one end of the rails thereof, wherein said pair of legs are outside of the outer frame to enable said inner frame to be adjusted to change the length of said structure.

5. (New) An extendable structure for holding a plurality of platter/trays, said platter/tray rack comprising a first frame and a second frame movably interfitted to said first frame, at least one of said first or second frames having an upper surface and a plurality of apertures formed therein, said apertures being aligned in spaced apart pairs, and a plurality of separators adapted to interfit into at least a pair of said apertures so as to extend upwardly from said at least one of said first or second frames to provide support for a platter/tray in said platter/tray rack.

6. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 4 wherein said first frame and said second frame slidingly interfit together and wherein said first and second frames both have an upper surface having apertures formed therein.

7. (New) An extendable structure defined in claim 4 wherein said plurality of separators comprise separators that are generally straight in configuration.

8. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 4 wherein said plurality of separators comprise inverted U-shaped separators, each having a pair of ends and said pair of ends are adapted to be inserted into a pair of said apertures formed in the upper surface of at least one of said first frame or said second frame.

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9. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 5 wherein said plurality of separators comprise inverted U-shaped separators, each having a pair of ends and said pair of ends are adapted to be inserted into a pair of said apertures formed in the upper surface of said first and second frame members.
10. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 5 wherein there are a plurality of pairs of aligned apertures in both said first and second frames.
11. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 4 wherein said first frame and said second frame are telescopically interfitted together.
12. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 11 wherein said first frame has a pair of external generally horizontal first frame members forming a first internal channel therebetween and the second frame member has a pair of external second frame members that are slidably received in said first internal channel.
13. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 12 wherein said plurality of separators comprise U-shaped metal separators and said pair of external second frame members form a second internal channel that is dimensioned to receive and retain said separators for storage of said separators.
14. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 12 wherein said plurality of separators comprise straight separators and a pair of spaced apart lateral flanges extend between said pair of external second frame members, said spaced apart lateral flanges being spaced apart a predetermined dimension to receive and retain said straight separators for storage of said separators.
15. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 14 wherein said spaced apart lateral flanges comprise L-shaped flanges having a lower planar surface facing each other and said straight separators are received and retained on said lower planar surfaces.

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16. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 4 wherein said first frame and said second frame are enameled metal construction.

17. (New) An extendable structure as defined in claim 4 wherein said first frame and said second frame are wooden frames.

18. (New) A method of retaining a plurality of platter/trays in an upright position, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a first frame with an upper surface having a plurality of apertures formed in said upper surface,

providing a second frame with an upper surface having a plurality of apertures formed in said upper surface,

slidably affixing the first frame to the second frame in a telescoping, interfitting relationship, providing a plurality of separators, inserting the plurality of separators into the apertures in said first and second frames such that the separators extend upwardly to support the upright positioning of the platter/trays.

19. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the step of providing a plurality of separators comprises providing a plurality of generally straight separators.

20. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the steps of providing a first and second frame each having a plurality of apertures comprises providing first and second frames having spaced apart apertures aligned in pairs.

21. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of providing a plurality of separators comprises providing a plurality of inverted U-shaped wire separators.

22. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the steps of providing first and second frames comprises providing wooden frames.

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23. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the steps of providing first and second frames comprises providing frames of other materials such as metal or plastic.
